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Applicants: Hideto NOGUCHI et al.  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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February 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 21, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.